

## 2019 NFHS Timeout Protocol Summary for MAVO Officials [Updated 7 16 2019]

### **Timeout Requests:**

Timeouts may be called only by visual signal of head coach or floor captain  
R2 whistles (double whistle) and signals – R1 mirrors signal  
If R2 fails to recognize request, R1 may whistle and signal  
R2 will not recognize and whistle request after R1's whistle and beckon for serve  
Request for 3<sup>rd</sup> timeout merits delay sanction whether or not recognized by R2  
Other timeout requests (e.g., after whistle and beckon, request by assistant rather than head coach) are improper requests (2<sup>nd</sup> improper request requires delay sanction)

### **R2 Timeout Mechanics:**

Whistle (double whistle) and signal, then indicate number of timeouts taken by each team  
Confirm timer has started 1 minute clock  
Confirm with libero tracker whether libero is on the court for each team  
Review scoresheet for score, number of timeouts, number of subs, etc.  
R2 whistles warning (double whistle) at 45 seconds  
Timer must sound horn for end of each timeout  
If both teams are ready to play early, R2 may whistle warning early and direct timer to immediately sound horn  
At end of timeout, R2 indicates number of timeouts taken for each team – R1 mirrors  
If team has used both timeouts, R2 informs coach verbally and with signal  
R2 returns to base, scans both benches, then returns court to R1 (outside hand)

### **Tips:**

R1 may whistle and signal timeout if R2 is occupied  
R1 may whistle 45 second warning if R2 is occupied  
Every timeout must end with a horn  
Either R1 or R2 may call an officials' timeout for administration of the match  
LJs move along lines to attack lines by R1 stand, with LJ for serving team holding ball  
LJs move back to positions at 45 second warning whistle  
Timeouts may occur prior to start of set  
Timeouts may follow other timeouts or substitutions by either side.  
If substitution requested during timeout, R2 administers only after timeout is completed  
No need for R2 to step to side of team requesting timeout – use proper hand instead  
Anticipate timeout requests – be aware of game context  
If libero is on court at timeout, make sure libero returns to court before replacement

Injury timeouts are not counted on visible clock – coach has 30 seconds to determine whether to call a regular timeout (if available) or to replace or substitute for injured player. Though the coach must make a decision in 30 seconds, there is no limit on time allowed to safely remove injured player from the court. Only after injured player is removed should a libero replacement or substitution be administered.